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**Exhibit #III.A.**

**TO:** Members of the State Board of Education

**FROM:** Susan A. Gendron, Commissioner\*

**DATE:** June 11, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Major Capital School Construction Program; *Phase 1 Site Preparation Design and Funding Approval Consideration*, SAD #32, Ashland PreK-12 School Construction Project.

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

The architect for this project is proposing that the project be bid in two phases. The Phase 1 Site Preparation work is to be bid 2 months prior to the bidding of the building. The main reason for doing so is that Aroostook County has a shorter building season than the rest of the State and an early site bid would allow more work to be accomplished before winter. The architect and owner have met with personnel from both the Bureau of General Services and the Department of Education and all have agreed with this approach.

The total cost for the project is \$22,057,929. Of this, \$1,986,825 is Phase 1 Site Preparation cost of the project. A detailed cost analysis has been prepared and reviewed and is on file at the Department of Education.

***Project Information:***

Project: SAD #32, PreK-12 School in Ashland, Maine  
Superintendent: Dr. Gehrig Johnson  
Principal: Bob Hennessey  
Asst. Principal: Chris Hallett  
Architect: Don Lewis, Lewis and Malm Architects  
Schools closing: Ashland Central School (K-5) and Ashland Community High School (6-12)

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### **CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

The Construction Committee will consider this Site Approval request at its meeting on June 2, 2008.

### **COMMISSIONER RECOMMENDATION**

The Commissioner recommends that the State Board of Education grant Phase 1 Site Preparation Design and Funding Approval to SAD #32 for a new preK-12 school in Ashland, Maine, as a Major Capital School Construction Project and approve the design and funding budget as presented.\*\*

\*Prepared by the School Facilities Services Team

\*\*This approval constitutes Design and Funding Approval for site work only. Final Funding Approval may be subject to adjustment under Section 10, Subsection 1, of the State Board of Education's rules Chapter 61, Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects, which states,

*"Final Funding Approval by the Commissioner establishes the Project Budget and takes place after construction bids have been received. At that time, the Commissioner may reduce the budget to finance the project, thus providing additional funds for other projects."*